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SUBJECT: MAP TRAINING FOR ECUADOR

REF: (A) STATE 078345, (B) QUITO 2424, (C) STATE 063755

1. WE HAVE COMPLETED AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF POSSIBLE WAYS TO ENABLE RESUMPTION OF OVERSEAS MAP TRAINING FOR ECUADOR. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE 31-COUNTRY LIMITATION AFFORDED US VERY FEW ALTERNATIVES FOR ACCOMMODATING ECUADOR. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO SEEKING EARLY AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT LATIN AMERICA AND ALSO TO SUBSTITUTING ECUADOR FOR ONE OF THE NON-ARA OR ARA COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ON THE LIST. WE CONCLUDED THAT NONE OF THE COUNTRIES NOW ON THE LIST COULD BE ELIMINATED AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 75 FOREIGN ASSIST-
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ANCE BILL. REGRETFULLY, WE ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO OFFER

OVERSEAS TRAINING TO THE GOE UNTIL LEGISLATIVE RELIEF CAN BE OBTAINED.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH GOE OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT OUR INABILITY TO OFFER GRANT TRAINING IN CANAL ZONE OR IN COUNTRY BY USE OF MTT'S IS SOLELY DUE TO STATUTORY CONSTRAINTS AND THAT WE WILL BE SEEKING WAYS TO MAKE SUCH TRAINING AVAILABLE TO ECUADOR AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY REQUIRE TIME BECAUSE OF THE PROBABLE NEED TO REVISE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE A FULL RANGE OF TRAINING IN ENGLISH WITHIN THE CONUS AS WELL AS TRAINING IN THE CANAL ZONE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS UNDER FMS AS A CASH SALE. FYI: WE WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER SEEKING AN EXEMPTION FOR ALL OF LATIN AMERICA FROM THE 31-COUNTRY LIMITATION STARTING IN FY 1976. END FYI. RUSH

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